

**MINUTES of the 68<sup>th</sup> GENERAL MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF CIVIL ENGINEERS**

**22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018, London, U.K.**

**PARTICIPANTS:**

**Executive Board (National Delegate = ND):**

<b><i>Surname, First name</i></b>	<b><i>ND</i></b>	<b><i>Member Organization</i></b>	<b><i>Country</i></b>
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<b>Chatzidakis, Aris</b>		President - Elect, Vice-President Association of Civil Engineers of Greece	Greece
<b>Natchev, Dimitar</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> ND	Treasurer, Vice - President Union of Civil Engineers in Bulgaria	Bulgaria
<b>Saez, Jose Francisco</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> ND	Member Colegio de Ingenieros de Caminos, Canales y Puertos	Spain
<b>Piirsalu, Andres</b>		Member Estonian Association of Civil Engineers	Estonia
<b>Svanidze, Iuri</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> ND	Member Georgian Society of Civil Engineers	Georgia
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<b>Thurriedl</b>	Klaus	2 <sup>nd</sup> ND	Austrian Federal Chamber of Architects and Chartered Engineering Consultants	Austria
<b>Stefanova</b>	Maria	2 <sup>nd</sup> ND	Union of Civil Engineers in Bulgaria	Bulgaria
<b>Simeonov</b>	Georgi	3 <sup>rd</sup> ND	Union of Civil Engineers in Bulgaria	Bulgaria
<b>Sever</b>	Zvonimir	1 <sup>st</sup> ND	Croatian Chamber of Civil Engineers	Croatia
<b>Paska</b>	Ivan	2 <sup>nd</sup> ND	Croatian Chamber of Civil Engineers	Croatia
<b>Stylianou</b>	Platonas	1 <sup>st</sup> ND	Cyprus Council of Civil Engineers	Cyprus
<b>Theodotou</b>	Andreas	2 <sup>nd</sup> ND	Cyprus Council of Civil Engineers	Cyprus
<b>Demetriou</b>	George	3 <sup>rd</sup> ND	Cyprus Council of Civil Engineers	Cyprus
<b>Kutruza</b>	Bora	4 <sup>th</sup> ND	Cyprus Council of Civil Engineers	Cyprus
<b>Yagcioglu</b>	Gurkan	5 <sup>th</sup> ND	Cyprus Council of Civil Engineers	Cyprus
<b>Materna</b>	Alois	1 <sup>st</sup> ND	Czech Chamber of Chartered Engineers and Technicians	Czech Republic
<b>Ruben</b>	Tiia	1 <sup>st</sup> ND	Estonian Association of Civil Engineers	Estonia
<b>Ots</b>	Kaspar	2 <sup>nd</sup> ND	Estonian Association of Civil Engineers	Estonia
<b>Kalabegishvili</b>	Mirian	2 <sup>nd</sup> ND	Georgian Society of Civil Engineers	Georgia
<b>Soselia</b>	Nugzar	3 <sup>rd</sup> ND	Georgian Society of Civil Engineers	Georgia
<b>Ahrens</b>	Carsten	1 <sup>st</sup> D AM	Zentralverband Deutscher Ingenieure e.V. - ZDI	Germany
<b>Charlaftis</b>	Paris	1 <sup>st</sup> ND	Association of Civil Engineers of Greece	Greece
<b>Madaras</b>	Botond	1 <sup>st</sup> ND	Hungarian Chamber of Engineers	Hungary
<b>Hendrikson</b>	Helena	1 <sup>st</sup> ND	Latvian Association of Civil Engineers	Latvia
<b>Stragys</b>	Vincentas	1 <sup>st</sup> ND	Lithuanian Association of Civil Engineers	Lithuania
<b>Stragys</b>	Vincentas	1 <sup>st</sup> ND	Lithuanian Association of Civil Engineers	Lithuania
<b>Sakalauskiene</b>	Lina	2 <sup>nd</sup> ND	Lithuanian Association of Civil Engineers	Lithuania
<b>Kikutiene</b>	Liucija Nijole	3 <sup>rd</sup> ND	Lithuanian Association of Civil Engineers	Lithuania
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<b>Radulovic</b>	Olga	1 <sup>st</sup> ND	Montenegrin Chamber of Engineers	Montenegro
<b>Lukovic</b>	Nikola	2 <sup>nd</sup> ND	Montenegrin Chamber of Engineers	Montenegro
<b>Meyer</b>	Zygmunt	1 <sup>st</sup> ND	Polish Chamber of Civil Engineers	Poland
<b>Riberinho Soares</b>	Paulo	1 <sup>st</sup> ND	Order of Engineers	Portugal

<b>Manuel de Almeida Santos</b>	Fernando	2 <sup>nd</sup> ND	Order of Engineers	Portugal
<b>Lachinov</b>	Mikhail	1 <sup>st</sup> ND	Russian Society of Civil Engineers – Moscow Department	Russia
<b>Adamtsevich</b>	Alexey	2 <sup>nd</sup> ND	Russian Society of Civil Engineers – Moscow Department	Russia
<b>Pustovgar</b>	Andrey	3 <sup>rd</sup> ND	Russian Society of Civil Engineers – Moscow Department	Russia
<b>Polovinka</b>	Albina	4 <sup>th</sup> ND	Russian Society of Civil Engineers – Moscow Department	Russia
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<b>Humar</b>	Gorazd	1 <sup>st</sup> ND	Slovenian Chamber of Civil Engineers	Slovenia
<b>Zadnik</b>	Branko	2 <sup>nd</sup> ND	Slovenian Chamber of Civil Engineers	Slovenia
<b>Perales Momparler</b>	Sara	2 <sup>nd</sup> ND	Colegio de Ingenieros de Caminos, Canales y Puertos	Spain
<b>Kaya</b>	Huseyin	1 <sup>st</sup> ND	Turkish Chamber of Civil Engineers	Turkey
<b>Gokce</b>	Cemal	2 <sup>nd</sup> ND	Turkish Chamber of Civil Engineers	Turkey
<b>Coughlan</b>	Paul	1 <sup>st</sup> ND	Institution of Civil Engineers	UK
<b>Farmer</b>	Ingrid	2 <sup>nd</sup> ND	Institution of Civil Engineers	UK
<b>Baveystock</b>	Nick	Inv. Guest	Institution of Civil Engineers (Director General and Secretary)	UK
<b>Coackley</b>	Richard	Inv. Guest	Honorary ECCE President	UK
<b>Mineiro Aires</b>	Carlos	1 <sup>st</sup> Inv. Ass.	WCCE (President)	Portugal
<b>Colon</b>	Emilio	2 <sup>nd</sup> Inv. Ass.	WCCE (Past President)	Spain
<b>Al-Hadithi</b>	Adil	1 <sup>st</sup> Inv. Ass.	EAMC (President)	Egypt
<b>Monda</b>	Nicola	2 <sup>nd</sup> Inv. Ass.	EAMC (Secretary General)	Italy
<b>Remec</b>	Crtomir	1 <sup>st</sup> Inv. Ass.	ECEC (President)	Slovenia
<b>Branco</b>	Fernando	Inv. Guest	Past ECCE President	Portugal
<b>Baron</b>	Gerard	Inv. Guest	Past ECCE President	France
<b>Adao Fonseca</b>	Antonio	Inv. Guest	Past ECCE President	Portugal

### **Apologies:**

*Surname, First name / Member Organization*

Delaporte, Brice  
Szollossy, Gabor  
Bitca, Danierl  
Jovanovic, Ranka

*Country*

France  
Hungary  
Romania  
Serbia

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018**

## **1. Opening of the Meeting**

ECCE Acting President Włodzimirz Szymczak opens the meeting welcoming all the participants and cordially thanking the Institution of Civil Engineers for hosting our meeting and the Global Engineering Congress. He mentions that the circumstances of this meeting are special as we are going to have elections of the new ECCE Executive Board, the ECCE initiative 2018 European Year of Civil Engineers will be summarized and also the Global Engineering Congress is taking place in connection with the celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ICE and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WFEO. He thanks ICE for integrating the 68<sup>th</sup> ECCE GM in this global event. ECCE Acting President cordially thanks and congratulates Nick Baveystock, ICE Director General and Secretary for organizing such a magnificent event and also thanks the ICE staff for making it happen. Then, he welcomes the invited guests who honored us with their presence, namely ICE Director General and Secretary Nick Baveystock, EAMC President Prof. Adil Al Hadithi, EAMC General Secretary Nicola Monda, ECCE Past President Fernando Branco and ECCE Past President Gerard Baron. He mentions that more invited guests from other organizations are going to join us during the day. Then, ECCE Acting President refers to the work that lies ahead for us for the next two days and to the elections that are going to be held with numerous candidates this time and he expresses his positive feelings about this fact that shows the interest of our members to get involved and contribute to the work and objectives of ECCE. Closing his speech ECCE Acting President wishes everyone a fruitful meeting and unforgettable memories of this significant gathering in London.

Then ICE Director General and Secretary, Nick Baveystock, takes the floor. Firstly, he thanks everyone for travelling to London from all around Europe to attend the 68<sup>th</sup> ECCE GM and the GEC. He says that it is worth reflecting on where we have been between the two organizations over the last few years. He mentions that we are here due to the spirit of collaboration and he is proud that we have got to this stage. He congratulates ECCE Acting President for all the work that he did behind the scenes and the result of it is the fact that we are here. Then, Nick Baveystock refers to the ICE 200 saying that it has been a very interesting journey which started four years ago including a big refurbishment of the ICE Headquarters building in order for it to be able to accommodate the GEC. He says that along the way they realized that the ICE 200 was about setting out social value and the social value that Engineers bring in meeting societal problems. The principle objective was to persuade the general public that Civil Engineers transform lives. They have particularly focused on public and especially mothers as in the United Kingdom they have proportionally very few civil engineers and although there are young people that are interested in engineering they are discouraged by their mothers because they believe that engineering is a dangerous and difficult profession. Then, Nick Baveystock talks about the process that ICE followed throughout the year to organize the ICE 200 and the GEC and to achieve the objectives they had set. He says that the way they approached the general public has been important. The main ways they used are: social media, exhibitions, lego bridges, etc. He says that they took into account the versatility of the people that will attend the GEC as people from around the globe are attending. The program was planned in a way that civil engineers can come together and start to deliver things and they have used the UN Sustainable Development Goals for this reason. Nick Baveystock concludes his speech saying that it is a very interesting time to be an engineer and he would like that the legacy of the GEC is to produce a program where we can align our thinking and to produce a program of collaboration as a profession rather than a group of engineers.

## **2. Introduction of ECCE Members**

At this point Włodzimirz Szymczak gives the floor to the representatives of the Full and Associate ECCE Members to present themselves and the delegation of their organization to ECCE. Additionally, the invited Associations to the ECCE 68<sup>th</sup> ECCE GM take the floor and address a short speech. Participants are listed in the first couple of pages of the document.

## **3. Introduction and acceptance of potential new ECCE members**

Włodzimirz Szymczak informs the participants that we have two applications to assess and vote for; the first is the Ukrainian Council of Civil Engineers (UCCE) that has applied to join ECCE as Full Member representing Ukraine and the second one is the University for Business and Technology (UBT) from Pristina that has applied to join ECCE as Associate Member.

WS reminds to the General Assembly the history regarding the Ukrainian membership. He says that a couple of years ago the Association "Information Technologies in Construction of Ukraine" joined ECCE as Full member but due to financial issues they resigned. After their resignation an agreement was made in Ukraine to create a larger and more representative umbrella organization consisted of six members. WS says that this new organization has a good perspective for the future. He mentions that all the negotiations have been led by Mr. Nickolay Kirjukhin and

that we have received all the necessary application documents from the UCCE which have been already circulated among the ECCE members. WS says that due to some issues with their visas representatives from Ukraine could not attend the meeting and they have assigned Mr. Iuri Svanidze to be their representative with the power of attorney. WS asks Iuri Svanidze to deliver the presentation they have prepared for us.

The presentation can be found [here](#).

After the presentation about UCCE, WS asks the ECCE General Assembly members to vote for accepting the Ukrainian Council of Civil Engineers as ECCE Member.

**Resolution 68.1:**

***The Ukrainian Council of Civil Engineers (UCCE) is accepted as ECCE Full Member by majority decision. The Russian Society of Civil Engineers – Moscow Department (Russia) abstained from voting.***

Then, WS asks Maria Karanasiou (MK) to introduce the second application from the University of Business and Technology (UBT) from Pristina.

MK says that the UBT applied to join ECCE as Associate Member a few months ago. The topic was initially discussed within ECCE ExBo during the ExBo meeting in Tallinn in May 2018. ECCE ExBo at that time suggested requesting further information and clarifications regarding UBT and their activities and reassessing it over the period of time until our 68<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting. ECCE General Assembly accepted ExBo's recommendation and therefore the voting was postponed for this meeting here in London. MK says that ECCE ExBo during the meeting that was held earlier in the day decided that we are ready to bring the topic to the General Assembly for voting.

WS asks the General Assembly if there are any questions regarding this candidature.

Dimitar Natchev (DN) takes the floor. His speech is as follows: *"I am afraid that this application is because of political interest not only membership in ECCE. ECCE is not a political organization. The University has 10,000 students; I do not believe. The University was established in 2001 and until now awarded only 53 diplomas for Civil Engineers. This is not a real University for Civil Engineers. We will vote against, because I do not want ECCE to lose any of the current ECCE Members (for example Serbia), especially when Serbia is not present today."*

WS says that we don't want to involve any political discussions and that we only assess UBT as a University and not as a country because they applied for Associate Membership. WS says that if we refuse to put their application for voting it would be a political act.

Then, WS asks the ECCE General Assembly members to vote.

**Resolution 68.2:**

***The University for Business and Technology (UBT) was not accepted as ECCE Associate Member by majority decision. The voting results are: 5 Positive, 6 Negative and 10 Abstention.***

#### **4. 67<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting minutes approval**

Maria Karanasiou takes the floor and mentions that the minutes from the 67<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting had been disseminated in advance of the General Meeting and comments were requested. Since no comments or amendments were suggested the General Assembly is called to vote for the approval of the minutes.

**Resolution 68.3:**

***The Minutes of the 67<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting in Tallinn are unanimously approved by the General Assembly.***

The minutes of the 67<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting can be found [here](#).

#### **5. ECCE brief activity report since June 2018**

WS takes the floor and presents the ECCE Brief Activity report since June 2018. The ECCE brief activity report since June 2018 can be found [here](#). Iuri Svanidze delivered a short presentation regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference "Seismic – 2018" that took place in Tbilisi, Georgia as part of the ECCE Brief Activity report. The presentation can be found [here](#).

## **6. Presentation of the book "Notes on the history of civil engineering"**

At this point WS welcomes a few invited guests that just joined the meeting, namely WCCE President Carlos Mineiro Aires, WCCE Past President Emilio Colon, Honorary ECCE President Richard Coackley and ECCE Past President Antonio Adao da Fonseca.

Then, Platonas Stylianou member of the editorial board of the book "Notes on the history of civil engineering" takes the floor to make a presentation on how the idea of the preparation of this book started. The presentation can be found [here](#).

The, Gorazd Humar first editor-in-chief takes the floor to make a presentation regarding the book "Notes on the history of civil engineers". The presentation can be found [here](#).

## **7. 2018 European Year of Civil Engineers summarizing presentation**

WS introduces the topic about the summarizing of the ECCE initiative 2018 European Year of Civil Engineers (2018EYCE). He mentions that during this meeting the first summarizing of the 2018EYCE is taking place although the 2018EYCE events will continue through to the end of the year. Then, he delivers the 2018 EYCE closing presentation which can be found [here](#).

## **8. ECCE Position Papers**

At this point MK informs the General Assembly that Platonas Stylianou has submitted his proposal on the creation of an ECCE Position Paper with the theme "The need for Structural / Seismic Rehabilitation of Existing Buildings in parallel with Energy Efficiency Improvements" to the ECCE ExBo. The proposal was discussed during the ExBo meeting and was accepted by the ECCE ExBo.

Platonas Stylianou takes the floor to deliver a presentation regarding this proposal which can be found [here](#).

## **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018**

## **9. ECCE Financial reports**

ECCE Vice President/Treasurer Dimitar Natchev takes the floor to present the ECCE financial matters.

There are three points for consideration. The first point is the ECCE Management Accounts until October 2018. The accounts will be presented just for information and no action is required. The second point is the ECCE Membership Fees for the year 2019 which need to be approved by the General Assembly. The third point is the Budget for 2019 which also needs to be approved by the General Assembly.

### **ECCE Management Accounts until October 2018**

As far as the ECCE Management Accounts until October 2018 are concerned, there is surplus of 24,000€. All the countries have paid the membership fees for 2018 apart from Serbia that will pay later in the year. Dimitar Natchev concludes that ECCE is in a good financial situation at the moment.

### **ECCE Membership Fees 2019**

Dimitar Natchev says that the proposal from the ECCE ExBo is to keep the ECCE Membership Fees for 2019 at the same level as for the previous year because the analysis of the GDP PPP showed that the changes are insignificant.

### **Resolution 68.4:**

***The ECCE Membership Fees for 2019 are unanimously approved by the ECCE General Assembly.***

## **ECCE Budget 2019**

Dimitar Natchev presents the proposal for the ECCE Budget 2019 to the General Assembly.

### **Resolution 68.5:**

***The ECCE Budget for 2019 is unanimously approved by the ECCE General Assembly.***

## **10. FEANI Engineers Europe Advisory Group (EEAG)**

The topic about the FEANI Engineers Europe Advisory Group is presented by ExBo Member Andres Piirsalu who has been ECCE's representative in two meetings of the EEAG participating as observer. Andres Piirsalu takes the floor and delivers a presentation regarding EEAG which can be found [here](#).

After the presentation of Andres Piirsalu, ECEC Vice President Klaus Thurriedl takes the floor to explain the point of view of ECEC on the topic. He says that ECEC has a clear decision not to join EEAG. The reasons are that on the one hand FEANI will take leadership of this group and on the other hand FEANI does not care about licensed or chartered engineers because FEANI is focused on industrial engineers. He mentions that he has been in several workshops in Brussels about deregulation and the voice of FEANI was supporting deregulation because they need the cheap industry engineers and not the licensed ones. He concludes that this was the reason that ECEC Board decided not to join that group and not to sign the letter of intent.

Then, Alois Materna takes the floor and says that he supports the opinion of Klaus Thurriedl.

WS says that we are watching this FEANI initiative as observers to see how it works and how it will develop. He says that the New ECCE ExBo will have to deal with this initiative and take the final decision.

## **11. Construction 2020**

ECCE Vice President/ President Elect Aris Chatzidakis, takes the floor to deliver a presentation regarding the Construction 2020. He says that the goal of this presentation is to inform the General Assembly regarding the latest developments of this European Commission initiative. His conclusion is that the outcome of this effort of 6 years now is disappointing and without real and concrete results as until now we have had only discussions but not real policy measures. The presentation can be found [here](#).

ECCE Past President Fernando Branco takes the floor after AC's presentation as he was the first one that started attending the High Level Tripartite Forum and the Thematic Group 1 meetings. He says that he chose one of the Thematic Groups as ECCE could appoint only one person and therefore we could not follow all five of the TGs. He mentions that in the beginning of the discussion in TG1 the idea was for EU to finance the insulation of buildings. This proposal came mostly by the Northern countries. He says that he had proposed that infrastructure must be also financed and that the structural aspect of the buildings should be also considered. FB says that as far as he remembers from his participation in this Group the only thing that they can do is make reports to the Commission but they cannot take any decisions. He concludes that it is important for ECCE to continue attending these meetings as we have a broader view of Civil Engineering and we can have important contributions.

## **12. Russian Society of Civil Engineers presentation**

Mr. Andrey Pustovgar, construction Civil Engineer and member of the delegation from the Russian Society of Civil Engineers – Moscow Department, takes the floor to present "The role of civil engineers in achieving sustainable development goals – Experience of Moscow". The presentation can be found [here](#).

## **13. IABSE President presentation**

ECCE Past President and current President of the International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering (IABSE), Prof. Fernando Branco, takes the floor to deliver a presentation on IABSE giving us a brief description of what IABSE is and what are their main activities. The presentation can be found [here](#).

#### **14. WCCE commemorates the 2018 EYCE**

WCCE Past President Emilio Colon takes the floor to deliver a presentation on the events that took place during the WCCE General Assembly in September 2018, in Bolivia, to commemorate the European Year of Civil Engineers. The presentation can be found [here](#).

#### **15. Any other issue**

ECCE Acting President asks the General Assembly if there is any other issue that needs to be brought up for discussion at the moment. No other issue was put up for discussion.

#### **16. Forthcoming ECCE General Meetings**

ECCE Acting President Wlodzimierz Szymczak announces that the 70<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting in autumn 2019 will be held in Lisbon, Portugal where a Civil Engineering Summit will be organized and the General Meetings of WCCE, EAMC, ECCE and ECEC will take place over one week.

The 72<sup>nd</sup> ECCE General in autumn 2020 will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria hosted by the Union of Civil Engineers in Bulgaria.

WS requests the ECCE members to submit their proposals about the spring ECCE meetings in 2019 and 2020. He mentions that there is a preliminary offer from Russia to host the 69<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting in Moscow in the summer but the dates need to be examined. Also, a preliminary offer from the Engineers Chamber of Montenegro to host the 69<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting in Podgorica is submitted to the ECCE ExBo.

#### **17. Closure of the ECCE ExBo mandate**

ECCE Acting President Wlodzimierz Szymczak says that he already had a closing speech in Athens in 2016 when he was supposed to finish his term as ECCE President, so this time he will be brief. He mentions that during this period 2017-2018 the main points were two; the organization and accomplishment of the "2018 European Year of Civil Engineers" and the introduction of the Position Papers. Then he talks about the ECCE Initiative "2018 EYCE". He says that the frame of this initiative was prepared two years ago in cooperation with ICE when it was decided that the climax moment would be during the 68<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting, the Global Engineering Congress and the 200<sup>th</sup> ICE Anniversary celebrations in London. WS expresses one more his thanks and gratitude to Nick Baveystock, Paul Coughlan and Ingrid Farmer for their contribution to the organization of such a big and important event. He says that the EYCE is the biggest in the history of ECCE involving the majority of our members that organized so far over 30 events in many countries across Europe. He mentions that the EYCE was commemorated even in Bolivia during the General Assembly of the World Council of Civil Engineers. He thanks all the ECCE members for their work and contribution to the success of this ECCE initiative. WS says that this initiative satisfied him and it was a good reward for him at the last moment of his Presidency. The second topic WS talks about is the action called "Position Papers". He mentions that some ECCE members were not convinced and didn't accept the idea from the beginning. But he hopes that now the majority of our members accept this kind of activity of ECCE. He asks all the members to continue this activity because he is sure that today far more than two years ago that this is a good way for us and this manner of work for our organization is a very efficient way and valuable results can be achieved. He stresses that the concept of the idea of Position Papers is much wider and not restricted in the production of Position Papers only. He says that any other type of activity like the creation of a book, the organization of a seminar or workshop, etc. are equally important and valuable for ECCE and are equally encouraged. He thinks that we have achieved some success with this and he asks the coming ECCE President to continue this effort. In the end WS thanks

everyone for their trust, support and cooperation all these years. He expresses his special thanks to the ECCE General Secretary Maria Karanasiou and the ECCE ExBo members for their cooperation.

## 18. ECCE Elections 2018

WS announces the commencement of the elections procedure. The first duty is to form the supervisory committee for the elections. The supervisory committee consists of the following persons:

1. Włodzimierz Szymczak (President)
2. Aris Chatzidakis (ECCE Vice President/ President Elect)
3. Huseyin Kaya (Turkey National Delegate) volunteered and accepted unanimously by the ECCE GA

WS explains that the elections will be held in two phases. In the first phase six (6) persons will be elected who together with Aris Chatzidakis as President and Włodzimierz Szymczak as Immediate Past President will form the new ECCE Executive Board. At this point WS asks the ten candidates to briefly present themselves to the General Assembly. He explains that all ten candidates were assessed as valid by the ECCE ExBo presenting all the required documentation for their candidacy on time.

The candidates are the following:

1. Andreas Brandner (Austria)
2. Paul Coughlan (UK)
3. Helena Endriksone (Latvia)
4. Gorazd Humar (Slovenia)
5. Mikhail Lachinov (Russia)
6. Dimitar Natchev (Bulgaria)
7. Paulo Riberinho Soares (Portugal)
8. Jose Francisco Saez Rubio (Spain)
9. Platonas Stylianou (Cyprus)
10. Iuri Svanidze (Georgia)

The elections for the New ECCE Executive Board and Vice President / President Elect (2016 – 2018) are held in two phases according to the Articles 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the ECCE Articles of Association. The voting countries are 21 and are presented in the following table:

	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>NAME / SURNAME</b>
<b>1</b>	Austria	Andreas Brandner
<b>2</b>	Bulgaria	Dimitar Natchev
<b>3</b>	Croatia	Zvonimir Sever
<b>4</b>	Cyprus	Platonas Stylianou
<b>5</b>	Czech Republic	Alois Materna
<b>6</b>	Estonia	Tiiia Ruben
<b>7</b>	Georgia	Iuri Svanidze
<b>8</b>	Greece	Paris Charlaftis
<b>9</b>	Hungary	Botond Madaras
<b>10</b>	Latvia	Helena Endriksone
<b>11</b>	Lithuania	Vincentas Stragys

<b>12</b>	Malta	Alex Torpiano
<b>13</b>	Montenegro	Olga Radulovic
<b>14</b>	Poland	Zygmunt Meyer
<b>15</b>	Portugal	Paulo Riberinho Soares
<b>16</b>	Russia	Mikhail Lachinov
<b>17</b>	Slovakia	Lubos Moravcik
<b>18</b>	Slovenia	Gorazd Humar
<b>19</b>	Spain	Jose Francisco Saez Rubio
<b>20</b>	Turkey	Huseyin Kaya
<b>21</b>	United Kingdom	Paul Coughlan

The results of the voting process are presented in the following table:

<b>Surname / Name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Number of votes</b>
<b>NATCHEV Dimitar</b>	Bulgaria	14
<b>STYLIANOU Platonas</b>	Cyprus	14
<b>BRANDNER Andreas</b>	Austria	13
<b>COUGHLAN Paul</b>	United Kingdom	13
<b>SAEZ RUBIO Jose Francisco</b>	Spain	13
<b>ENDRIKSONE Helna</b>	Latvia	11
<b>SOARES RIBERINHO Paulo</b>	Portugal	10
<b>LACHINOV Mikhail</b>	Russia	9
<b>SVANIDZE Iuri</b>	Georgia	9
<b>HUMAR Gorazd</b>	Slovenia	8

During the second phase of the elections Andreas Brandner and Platonas Stylianou are candidates for the position of the ECCE Vice President/ President Elect. They received 12 and 8 votes respectively and therefore Andreas Brandner will become the ECCE Vice President/ President Elect for the period 2018-2021.

#### **Resolution 68.6:**

**After the elections procedure the ECCE Executive Board for 2018 – 2021 is thereafter composed of the following persons:**

<b>Aris Chatzidakis</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Włodzimierz Szymczak</b>	<b>Immediate Past President (with official effect for one year until the 70<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting in 2019)</b>
<b>Andreas Brandner</b>	<b>Vice President/ President Elect (with official effect starting from the 70<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting in 2019)</b>
<b>Dimitar Natchev</b>	<b>Vice President / Treasurer</b>
<b>Platonas Stylianou</b>	<b>Executive Board Member</b>
<b>Paul Coughlan</b>	<b>Executive Board Member</b>
<b>Jose Francisco Saez Rubio</b>	<b>Executive Board Member</b>
<b>Helena Endriksone</b>	<b>Executive Board Member</b>

Immediately after the announcement of the Elections results the New ECCE President Aris Chatzidakis addresses his first speech to the ECCE General Assembly. The New ECCE President during his speech mentions that over the course of all these years that he has been attending the ECCE meetings since its establishment, ECCE has become a family. He expresses his appreciation to his predecessor, the ECCE Past President Włodzimierz Szymczak, who presided for four years in total accepting to continue his presidency for an additional two years further than his normal two-year office due to the unexpected circumstances that ECCE found itself in, sacrificing his personal time and his energy in order to serve ECCE. Aris Chatzidakis congratulates WS for the good work he did during his office. He mentions that the number of candidates in this year's elections is indicative that our members are active and would like to contribute to ECCE's development. He says that during his Presidency he will try to maintain a continuity and to follow-up all the actions and initiatives that have been carrying on from the previous years. He says that his challenge will be to try to address the problems that we have become aware of due to the radical changes that our profession is facing every day. Civil Engineers should be part of the solution and not part of the problem. He says that our professional environment will be digital and will be total. He says that this era corresponds to a more open and holistic approach of the profession and he believes that the engineering standards must be as high as possible in order for professionals to have received adequate education and training that will prepare them to meet the current requirements. AC highlights that we must raise the bar in engineering as it is a public interest profession and the consequences of a wrong actions may be very serious for the public. This fact further supports the view that the civil engineering education must be holistic and of the highest standards. He mentions that ethical rules in such a complex environment are very important and we should try to promote ethical behavior and also the continuous professional development is very critical also for the coming years. Another challenge for now and also for the years to come is the existing building stock and infrastructure maintenance where engineering knowledge will play a critical role. Finally, he mentions that he thinks that it is very important for engineers to know their tradition and their history in such fast paced changing environment. In this respect, he says, we have produced the booklet "Notes on the civil engineering history" and he thinks that this must be continued.

After his speech, the New President Aris Chatzidakis projects a selection of old photos he collected from his archives which show moments of the ECCE family since its establishment and of the deceased ECCE Past President Vassilis Economopoulos who was one of the founders of ECCE. Mrs. Anna Papadopoulou, the widow of the deceased ECCE Past President Vassilis Economopoulos, is also present as she was invited by the ECCE ExBo to attend the 68<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting. The New ECCE President Aris Chatzidakis offers her a bouquet of flowers as a motion of long friendship and appreciation.

## **19. Official close of the 68<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting**

The 68<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting is officially closed by the ECCE Past President Włodzimierz Szymczak.

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